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# NEWS & VIEWS

## QUEEN'S NEW YEAR HONOURS

We extend congratulations to our following colleagues who were honoured by Her Majesty the Queen at the New Year.

Albert Sakzewski (knight bachelor) is the sole subscriber to the Albert Sakzewski Charitable Foundation which distributes funds to a number of charitable bodies. He has helped several Queensland organisations including the Queensland Cancer Fund and the Asthma Foundation.

Sir Albert has been chairman of the Queensland TAB since its establishment in 1962.

H.C. Foster received an MBE for services to local government, R.M. O'Keefe and R.T.C. Storey received an MBE each for community services.

H.W.J. Moss received a BEM for services to primary industry.

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## TATTERSALL'S CHRISTMAS

Features of the Christmas festivities were the traditional functions, including the gathering of representatives of kindred clubs, the Chairman's Christmas cocktail party, and the entertainment of staff by the Club Committee.

At the staff function Chairman Geoff Eastment and his attractive wife Rhona moved from table to table giving each their best wishes. In appropriate words the Chairman thanked Secretary Jim Thomson, Assistant Secretary Alan Salthouse, and everyone on the staff, for their co-operation in helping so gracefully in the co-ordination of services to meet the members' satisfaction.

From every prominent sporting club in Sydney and from Newcastle

came representatives to respond to Tattersall's invitation of joining in the festive spirit.

Said Geoff Eastment, "This occasion gives an opportunity for the meeting of the cream of club administrators. Here we have an interchange of thoughts and ideas. And we in Tattersall's are proud of the response in the meeting together of all our kindred clubs".

In an informal manner Sir Robert Askin thanked the Chairman on behalf of all visitors present. He said, "It was a matter of all meeting with a common greeting".

Which reminded Sir Robert of his first essay to Parliament in 1949. The Hon. Dick Casey was the guest speaker, and the attendance was a good 300.

And then as the eminent speaker had exhausted his praise and adulation of the candidate, he turned to the chairman and said, "Eh, what is this fellow's name?"

Now as we enter the New Year may it be a grand one for all.

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## CHINS UP

John Hession wishes to thank his many good friends who have visited and phoned him during his protracted illness. Still hors-de-combat we hope to see him amongst us in the near future.

Members were saddened to hear of Morton Brewster's admission to Manning River District Hospital, Taree, following an accident which his close friend John Coen said could only be described as "freakish".

Also showing the benefits of good living and making a swift return to good health are Jack Munro, Ted Goodwin and Bill Sellen Jnr.

## WINING, DINING, DANCING

A sparkling party was hosted by Bill Conrick to celebrate Commander George's transfer from active duty to Canberra.

Host extraordinaire Phil Smith regaled his friends with a series of luncheons over the festive season, and was one of the most consistent members in risking his fortune on the Xmas wheel.



Phil Smith

Wedding eve for popular member Pat Kerr furnished an excellent opportunity for a "beaut" pre-marital party sponsored by his mates Charles Hayes, Tom Clark, Max Glasheen, John Maguire and Michael Frawley.

Bill Wood and his charming wife gave a farewell party to Mrs. Denise Watts of Essex, England, who had been visiting her son Richard and daughter-in-law Sue. Also present were the David Griffiths, Jane and Charlie Wood with nanna Helen Wood.

The Eaton family celebrated the 17th birthday of son Douglas with great merriment. Many happy returns, Douglas.

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## PUNCHES

Rugby League followers were greatly interested in the move of John Sattler from South Sydney to more inviting fields in Queensland.

John has been recognised in all phases of football from club to international as a forward whose vigour and endurance were both feared and admired, and frequently frowned on by referees.

Back in the thirties were also forwards whose aggressiveness characterised their rugged play. Some were also pugilists who mixed their football with professional boxing.

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Included in this category were Bill Brogan of Western Suburbs who fought heavyweight champion Pat Redmond at Rushcutters Bay stadium. Also Ray Stehr of Eastern Suburbs who fought Herv Narvo again at the stadium.

In those days, 1934-35-36, University fielded an amateur first grade RL side in the competition. They were noted for their clean and open play more than the games they won.

Outstanding in their pack of forwards was a demure Uni law student, but what he lacked in reticence he made up for in other ways. So much so that he incurred the wrath of the referee on three occasions and was sent off in 1934 for "dropping" Bill Brogan, in 1935 for "having on" Ray Stehr, and again in 1936 for engaging one South Sydney torrid forward named Eddie Root.

So there was much in common with John Sattler when arranging the legal contractual obligations for his move which were carried out by that "demure" legal student of the thirties, Jim Comans.

As you might say, the "punch" is in the last line.

**CASUAL CAR PARKING**

MEMBERS ARE ADVISED THAT AS FROM 1st FEBRUARY, 1973, ADMISSION TO THE CAR PARK AT STOCKS AND HOLDINGS HOUSE, 181 CASTLEREAGH STREET, WILL BE BY SPECIAL TICKETS ONLY, WHICH MUST BE PURCHASED FOR 60c. EACH AT THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE CLUB.

J.R. THOMSON  
Secretary.

**TONY'S PRESENT**

Nice work by Tony Spies in winning first prize in the Christmas drawing of the War Veterans' art union. First to congratulate him and sharing equally in his joy, were his mother Edna and step-father Arthur McCamley.

**WORLD'S 18 FOOTER  
SAILING CHAMPIONSHIP**

The world championship conducted on Sydney Harbour during January saw Travelodge (NSW) successful. The runner-up was KB, owned and skippered by Dave Porter, nephew of Dr. Fuzz Porter, president of Tattersall's Bowling Club.

Patron of the NSW 18ft Sailing League, Jack Barrett, was justly proud of the brilliant standard attained by all contestants and of the administration which adequately covered every aspect.

The souvenir programme was splendidly compiled and a great amount of research gave an intimate history of this great harbour sport.

Figuring in the first team to depart to represent Australia in New Zealand some 34 years ago was Fred Empson, rails bookmaker and TCM subscriber of our Club's bowling notes.

We quote from the programme: "A Flash-Back to 1939. The year 1939 saw the first team ever to depart Sydney on the SS "Awatea" for Auckland, New Zealand.

The "Taree", owned by W. (Bill) Scahill, in company with "St. George" and "Malvina", was defending her title of World 18-Ft. champion.

A large party of 46 boarded the SS Awatea with the 18 Footers Club's rear-commodore, Fred J. Empson as manager, and his assitant Stan Higgins.

The team of three boats started in eight races in six days, this being caused by the tremendous interest shown by all clubs and their desire to see the Aussies and their big boats and sails.

It is interesting to note that Bill Scahill, owner of Taree, Joe Mercer, owner of Malvina, and Fred Empson are still members and regular followers of the 18 footers' sailing races.

The big boats, with their peak head spinnakers and ringtails, were wildly received by the Kiwis, and all boats turned on a spectacular show for a tremendous crowd on the foreshore, estimated at 25,000 people.

The team was feted in all ways and this trip laid the foundation for the present series.

Homeward bound on the SS Awatea, Fred Empson made a number of presentations which closed a very happy tour."

## SUCCINCT

**LIONEL HEPPEL** appointed associate director of his huge firm and responsible for the purchase of all merchandise with the exception of food, a "well-worth" while promotion .....  
**MAURIE ANDERSON** making great progress in Lewisham Hospital.....  
Farewells to **JOHN ARMSTRONG** following his appointment as Australian High Commissioner in London; guests and organisers **JACK FLITCROFT**, **NICK ABOUD** with John's brother-in-law **BERNIE CURRAN**.....**JIM HARDY'S** dear mother celebrated her 80th birthday and the wine flowed like water.....**KEVIN CHAPMAN** new president of the 729 Club.....**ABE LANDA** "Why don't the buses have large signs, as in London, listing the key suburbs along the route?"....**DAVID JOEL** retired from the film business a few years ago after a 27 year stint again heads a cinema on Pitt Street.....**SIR CHARLES MOSES** in Cairo, "The Egyptians were making boomerangs 3,500 years ago, and there are beautiful examples in the Cairo Museum — functional ones, ornamental ones, some with glorious ivory inlays".....**NORM ROGERS**, stalwart of the Third Floor, race horse owner for 20 years, 1949 captain of Easts RL team, launched sons Greg and Ron of surf and swimming fame, into a bookmaking career whilst son Neil was off to a USA university.....**SIR EDWARD WARREN** re-elected chairman of the Australian Coal Industries Research Laboratories for eighth time — the only chairman this highly technical body has ever had.....**BILLY SHEAHAN**, a former Health Minister, left Australia in World War I as a corporal in the AIF, fluctuated between corporal and sergeant, returned as a private! We mentioned this to Judge **FRANK HIDDEN** who told of his father Dick who enlisted in the 1914-18 war, went away as a sergeant and returned as a private.....**DR. FUZZ PORTER**, in speaking of the warm friendship always existing between City Tattersall's bowlers and those of our club, said they always

seemed to beat us, and facetiously remarked that the only time we won was the day City Tattersall's backed us....Chairman **GEOFF EASTMENT**, at Tattersall's Club Cup Randwick luncheon, mentioned at a strategic time "Anyone wishing to leave for business on the first race is free to do so" saw **ARTHUR BROWNING** retire with a gleam in his eye.

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## HOBART CHEERS

There were many congratulations and much back-slapping when Tattersall's Club members welcomed each other at Constitution Dock, Hobart, after competing in the recent Sydney-Hobart ocean race.

They included Cliff Shaffran (Granny Smith), Darrell Isles and Peter Clark (Ninna), Bill Psaltis (Meltemi), Harold Cruickshanks and David Keating (Patrice) and Philip Edmonds.

## TWO OF A KIND

Our congratulations to Ron Williams on the great feats of life saving which won meritorious awards for both his sons Ross and Kerry. Each rescue was made on the same day, one in the morning, and one in the afternoon.

This accomplishment separately by

two lads in the same family must be rare if not unique.

Close friend and colleague of Ron is Committeeman Les Tidmarsh who is just as proud as is Dad.

## OBITUARIES:

**L.T. KIRKBY**

E: 22.10.51 D: 19.2.73

**W.F. DOBSON**

E: 14.4.59 D: 12.1.73

**J.J. LYNCH**

E: 29.3.65 D: 16.1.73

**A. BLOOMFIELD**

E: 10.5.26 D: 28.12.72

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## NOSTALGIC

Senior Member Ted Lee has a most retentive memory and is a sprightly 86.

He recalls that the original Rosebery Racecourse was on the corner of Botany Road and Gardners Road, and when closed was resumed as Shepherds Bush. It was the first place where the tin hare was used in Sydney.

Ted tells of one of the first Sydney golf links located at North Botany which was later converted into Ascot Racecourse.

Nearby there was a shooting ground for live pigeons which later became the site of the Kingsford Smith Aerodrome.

In 1937 Ted went into business on his own account dealing in builders' requisites.

Ted was a splendid distance runner and at the age of 20 won the 440 yards championship of the Botany Harriers. When he was 24 he went to Stawell (Vic) where world and Australian champions meet.

Ted won his heats of the 220 and 440, and went on to win the 440 final.

He ran at many sporting venues including Echuca (Vic), Launceston (Tas), and Maryborough (Qld).

Names which will live on in history racing over shorter distances in Ted's time were Postle and Donaldson.

Ted now resides at Forbes where he is a member of the Forbes Bowling and Golf clubs. He is also an active member of the AJC and STC, and on his frequent visits to Sydney makes his headquarters at Tattersall's Club.

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## AMONG THOSE PRESENT

The editor welcomes any items and particularly information regarding dinners, parties, etc.

Maitre d'hôtel Andrew or your waitress will gladly give you a form whereon you can furnish particulars.

## A.C.T.

W.R. (Bill) McKerrow, born in Victoria, came to Sydney in 1921 to eventually become a master plumber.

In 1925 he went to Canberra and opened a hardware store. He now proudly claims, "I have been longer in business in Canberra, irrespective of any type of industry, than any other man in the ACT".

He likes to tell of his early Sydney experiences. Particularly he smiles now when he recalls he was nearly flung into the centre of the bar at Aaron's Exchange Hotel. It appears he was working high up on the ceiling in a bosun's chair when some of the sandbags were moved from the "needle" and Bill took a tumble, but a serious accident was narrowly averted.

Bill is a member of the Royal Canberra Golf Club, the Canberra Club, ACT Jockey Club, and the Canberra Racing and Bowling clubs.

His wide coterie of Tattersall's colleagues include Phil Smith, Keith Cole, Ted Thorn, Bunny Durkin and Jack Fisher.

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## NEXT PLEASE!

When nations differ the effects are world wide. Unless we are embroiled, little do we think of the situation in relation to the circumstances of the humble citizen.

So it was with great interest that we listened to Paul Bollardini as he recounted his experiences.

And if you do not know him, as a Club man you might soon make his acquaintance with benefit to each other, as Paul conducts the Club amenity of the hairdressing salon, or if you must, the barber shop, on the First Floor.

Paul was born at Istanbul, then Constantinople, the Turkish capital, during World War 1, but he was of British nationality and his family was treated as civilian prisoners of war. At first they were the responsibility of the Swiss Consulate who were looking after British interests, and later Paul's birth was registered at Somerset House, London.

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# PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

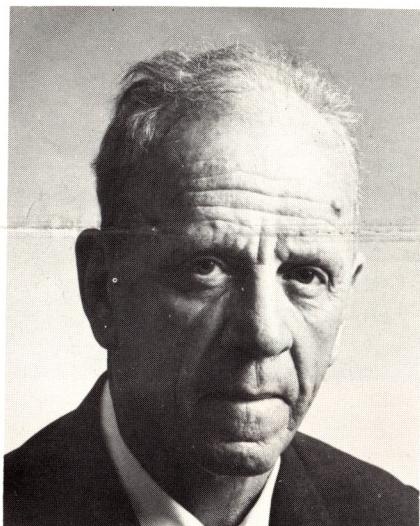
DR. H.C. (NUGGET) COOMBS

Chosen as "Australian of the Year", for 1972, and justifying this choice, Dr. H.C. (Nugget) Coombs has had an outstanding career. He was born on 24th February, 1906, in the small town of Kalamunda, about 13 miles east of Perth in the Darling Range.

His father was the railway station-master there and Nugget was the eldest of five children. In 1913 the Coombs family settled down at Bridgetown, a small apple growing town about 170 miles south of Perth. There Nugget had his early training.

A few people call him Bert, but to his wife and most of his friends he is Nugget. He acquired his nickname at school where anyone of short and stocky build was apt to be tagged with it.

In 1919 he won a scholarship and went to Perth Modern School. He was not a brilliant scholar then, and his inclination ran more to sport than book learning. He played cricket and football for the school, and was captain of the cricket team in which he was a good batsman and a fairish medium pace bowler. He later played grade cricket for the University of Western Australia, and football both for the University and Teachers' Training College. Today he gets his chief exercise from golf (he has holed in one at Manly), but also plays a strenuous game of squash, often with cartoonist George Molnar as an



opponent, at an age when most men have long settled for something a little more gentle.

On leaving school Nugget became a teacher first in the country and then at the Perth Boys High School with study at the University. As well as graduating MA with honours in 1931 he won a Hackett Studentship which gave him two years post graduate study at the London School of Economics.

Nugget recalls "My interest in economics was intensified by what I saw of the depression. To see a highly industrialised country like England in the grip of a depression was in many ways horrifying".

It was a practical lesson which he never forgot and says "It would be a gross reflection on our capacity as bankers if a depression now were to cause the havoc and suffering it did in the 1930s."

The London School of Economics awarded him a PhD for a thesis on central banking problems.

Back in Western Australia, Nugget returned to teaching and the pattern of his career did not begin to appear until he joined the Commonwealth Bank as assistant economist late in 1935. He was loaned to the Treasury in Canberra four years later as economist, and his rise to be governor of the bank in 1949, a mere 14 years after he joined the bank as a fairly minor officer, was nothing short of fantastic.

"Opportunities opened for me many times in ways much more favourable than was the case for many men of great ability," humbly declares Nugget.

He was director of Rationing in 1942, and Director-General of Post-War Reconstruction 1943-48. He was governor of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia 1949-60, chairman of the Commonwealth Bank Board 1951-60, governor of the Reserve Bank of Australia 1960-68, and chairman of the Reserve Bank Board 1960-68.

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*Finish of Club Cup. 1st Big Butch, 2nd Odyssey, 3rd Daneson.*

Whilst the Club was disappointed at the poor nominations (only four Cup runners), it will long be remembered as one of the most exciting Cups on record.

From the top of the straight to the winning post, Big Butch had the crowd on its feet cheering and clapping, and it went on for 20 minutes after.

As Chairman Geoff Eastment presented the cup a huge crowd flocked to the enclosure and the applause aroused by his remarks betokened the splendid appreciation of racegoers.



*ZAMBARI races ahead to win the Carrington Stakes*



*Presentation of Club Cup. Secretary Jim Thomson, jockey Des Lake, owners Mr and Mrs R.C. Evans, trainer J.R. Hall, with Chairman Geoff Eastment*

# HANDBALL NOTES

by Arthur McCamley

## HANDBALL GAIN IN POPULARITY

The mayor of North Sydney, Alderman Michael O'Dea, invited members of the four main handball clubs. (Bondi, Clovelly, Coogee, Tattersall's) to a function at the North Sydney Olympic swimming pool to mark the occasion of the opening of two handball courts and the heating of the swimming pool.

Michael is our current handball champion, and was largely instrumental in having these courts installed.

Tattersall's Club was represented by Chairman Geoff Eastment and his wife, Rhona, Sam and Nell Block Bill and Narelle Sellen, Bill and Mollie Yewdall, Bruce Partridge, Norm Rogers, Charles Robinson. From Clovelly were Garry Stubbs and Peter Gleeson.

**MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO USE THE FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE SAFE KEEPING OF VALUABLES WHEN IN THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

Many other people were also present, and to open the courts matches were played between Norm Rogers and Bruce Partridge, Michael O'Dea and Bill Yewdall, Garry Stubbs and Peter Gleeson.

Prizes of wristlet watches were presented to the winners by Miss New South Wales.

Later the ladies were entertained at a sumptuous smorgasbord, and appropriate speeches were made.

Tattersall's Handball Club congratulate you Michael on your effort in this direction. We are certain that the young people of North Sydney will get many hours of enjoyment playing handball, and at the same time keep themselves in good physical shape. They will probably form a club and compete against us in the future.

Other handball news will be reported in our next issue of TCM.

## VALE ALF BLOOMFIELD

It is with the utmost regret that I record the passing of Alf Bloomfield, an old and esteemed friend.

Alf, through his enthusiastic efforts, was instrumental in the installation of handball courts in this Club.

He was a member of both Tattersall's and the Albatross Club which had its habitat at the Domain Baths. He brought John Dunningham, then Tattersall's Treasurer, to witness a game between Bill Tebbutt and Tony McGill at the Baths.

Jack was so impressed that he had the gymnasium altered to allow the present handball courts to be installed.

The final of the first Club championship was played between Tony McGill and Alf, resulting in a win for the latter by two games out of three, each 31 up. Thus Alf became the first handball champion of Tattersall's Club.

In the 1920's, Alf was one of the younger brigade of bookmakers, a real sportsman and gentleman who had the respect and regard of all his acquaintances.

To his family we extend our deepest sympathy and condolences in their sad loss. The world is a poorer place for his passing.

(by Sam Block)

# BOWLS

by Fred Empson

Although our 1973 season began with only a few starters at Double Bay on 11th January, it got off with a big swing at Rose Bay on the 18th.

Winners at Double Bay were D. Cross (visitor), J. Roach (visitor) and Stan Chatterton.

At Rose Bay winners were Frank Hidden and Harry Davis.

Our match against City Tattersall's Club will be played on 4th March with the venue yet to be decided. Our president, Fuz Porter, wishes all our good bowlers to make themselves available for this day as it is our big chance to break through for a win. Last time we were beaten by only a few shots. By the way, City Tattersall's are the hosts on this occasion.

Ron Storey continues to improve. No doubt the honour of having an MBE bestowed on him in the Queen's New Years honours list has been a good tonic. Congratulations, Ron, and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

The singles championship and the Gordon Booth triples will start moving now that the New Year rest period is over. Singles will be played in the morning and the triples in the afternoon.

Coming event :

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The family moved to Marseilles (France) thence to Malta where Paul won a scholarship which took him to Rome. Here he was to study medicine and become a monk. After two years he left and went to a Hairdressers' Academy in France prior to following the calling in London.

With the outbreak of the Civil War in Spain, Paul joined up but was soon back in London where he combined his hairdressing with "make up" work in film studios and theatres.

Then came World War II and Paul again volunteered, being posted to the Royal Fusiliers. He received his commission which he partly attributed to his ability to speak several languages. With war's end, Paul was attached to a repatriation camp in Scotland.

Here he was married to a bonny Scottish lass and a daughter arrived. In 1948 Paul was released from the Army. In 1949 they came to Australia, and spent some time on stations at Camoola Park, Longreach, and at Winton in Queensland.

Then to Malaya for a three year stint and his second daughter was born.

But the call to Australia was strong and Paul came back to Sydney to re-engage in the hairdressing business, and has been in Tattersall's ever since.

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His interests have ranged far beyond the field of Economics. He was chairman of the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust 1954-68, and in 1968 was appointed chairman of the Australian Council for the Arts, and chairman of the Australian Council for Aboriginal Affairs. The latter interest probably first stemmed when several of his first class of pupils were aborigines.

In 1968 he was installed as chancellor of the Australian National University, and in 1969 was elected a fellow of the Australian Academy of Science.

The Coombs family has four children. Janet is a practising barrister, Jerry is in medicine, John is a barrister and Jim is an economist.

And we must all agree as we congratulate Nugget that as an Australian of the Year his attainments and arduous work and endeavours for his fellow man richly deserve the highest encomiums.

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# SWIMMING NOTES

by SAM BLOCK

## KEN FINN'S FINS CERTAINLY FLASHED THROUGH THE WATER TO TAKE OUT THE DECEMBER - JANUARY POINTS SCORE.

### DEBNEY & FOSTER BREAK 20 SECONDS FOR THE 40 YARD DASH.

Swimming star of the month was Ken Finn, who collected the December-January point score with a tally of 30 points, winning by half a point from Tony Thompson with Neville Amy half a point away in third place and Russell Debney a point further astern.

Ken has been in solid training and had the assistance, I'm sure of a good coach over the holidays, as evidenced by his sensational effort in the last event when he broke his time by over three seconds.

The unlucky runner up, Tony Thompson, may have thrown away his chance when he missed one of his finals.

In the battle for the Native Son trophy, Russell Debney has forged to the front and leads Gordon McGrath by four points with Ken Finn one and a half points away and Norm Rogers another half point behind. Only 15 points separate the first 18 competitors.

On Thursday, 21st December, the time honoured Christmas Scramble was held in the pool, when four teams of 19 swimmers contested a race of 38 laps. Prior to the race the writer, on behalf of the Swimming Club Committee, wished the compliments of the season to all present.

The big field was an all time record and the racing brought forth one of the biggest scenes of enthusiasm ever. The pool was a boiling cauldron which was tough on the long markers, as evidenced by the time — 20 seconds over their handicap.

The result was a comfortable victory for Bill Kendall's "Alligators" from David Emanuel's "Stingrays" with Russell Debney's "Octopuses" in third place.

The array of prizes in bottles, boxes, etc, tastefully arrayed by Col Bowes, made mouths water, but all was in order as every starter shared though Norm Rogers' "Bluebottles"

had to swim the traditional six laps across which was won by John Reid from diminutive Charles Robinson and Ian Lane.

Father and son combinations contested the first final of the 40 yards brace relay with Gordon and Ian Ross winning in a thrilling finish by a clipped fingernail from Jack and Russell Debney.

Frank Falson's younger son Tony has emulated his elder brother Bruce in having made the Australian water polo team. Congratulations, boys.

Fastest winning times were R. Debney 19.0, 19.2 and 19.5, W. Foster 19.8 and 20.1, I. Ross 20.7 and 21.2, and J. Nicholas 21.9.

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Those who were docked were K. Finn (4), T. Thompson (2), B. Upcroft, J. Nicholas, W. Yewdall, G. McGrath, A. Hickey, R. Debney, N. Amy and W. Foster, all one.

The Committee of the Swimming Club wish to thank the many donors towards the Christmas Scramble, amongst whom were Tom Abernethy, Morry Anderson, Aussie Austin, Arthur Browning, Len Burke, Vin Barrett, Ron Codner, Geoff Eastment, Barney Fay, Alec Gibson, Bill Hannan, Roy Humphery, Bert Heavener, John Hickey, Noel Jones, Burnett Jones, Jack Loughnan, Bob Lipman, Harry Lobb, Bill Loughnan, Stephen Lowe, Sandy MacDonald, Ted Martin, Jack Muir, Tony McSweeney, Jack O'Neill, Bruce Partridge, Ken Ranger, Arthur Sing, Bill Sellen, Sid Sernack, Gerry Wells and Ken Williams. Again thanks a million, fellows.

To Bill Kirwan and Alf Collins go our gratitude for their generous donations for more than a quarter

of a century, and to Bob Harris, Lionel Abrahams and John Utz for their generous support at all times.

To Morry Anderson, who has a heart as big as Phar Lap, at present undergoing a further operation on his leg in Lewisham Hospital, go our best wishes for a speedy recovery and successful result.

**5th December, 80 yards brace relay, 1st final:** T. Thompson and W. Butchart (50), J. Shaffran and K. Finn (55)2, B. Cameron and W. Richards (55) and R. Farrell and S. Heaton (48) dead heat 3. Time 46.5 secs.  
**2nd final:** N. Amy and M. McCormack (51)1, A. Hickey and G. McGrath (55)2, C. Coppa and L. Bowes (55)3, Time 48.8 secs.  
**3rd final:** F. Daly and T. Patterson (59)1, W. Rowe and F. Falson (50)2, R. Tobias and N. Rogers (45)3, Time 56 secs.

**12th December, 40 yards handicap, 1st final:** I. Ross (22)1, B. Upcroft (28)2, P. Moses (24)3, Time 20.7 secs.  
**2nd final:** G. McGrath (26)1, J. Nicholas (23)2, W. Yewdall (25)3, Time 24.8 secs.  
**3rd final:** K. Finn (28)1, N. Amy (30) and A. Hickey (29) dead heat 2, Time 25.6 secs.  
**4th final:** J. Reid (24) and R. Debney (20) dead heat 1, C. Coppa (31)3, Time 23.2 and 19.2 secs.

**19th December, 40 yards brace relay, 1st final:** G. Ross and I. Ross (28)1, R. Debney (24)2, C. Coppa and W. Richards (27)3, Time 22.7 secs.  
**2nd final:** B. Watson and N. Heath (26)1, P. King and K. Finn (24)2, T. Thompson and J. Nicholas (25)3, Time 21.7 secs.

**9th January, 40 yards handicap, 1st final:** T. Thompson (27)1, G. McGrath (25)2, S. Heaton (28)3, Time 25.8 secs.  
**2nd final:** N. Amy (29)1, R. Debney (20)2, P. Moses (24)3, Time 28.2 secs.  
**3rd final:** K. Finn (27)1, W. Foster (21)2, K. Lewis (25)3, Time 24.7 secs.

**December/January Point Score resulted as follows:** K. Finn 30, T. Thompson 29½, N. Amy 29, R. Debney 28, G. McGrath 25, P. Moses 23, I. Ross 22, C. Coppa 21, J. Reid 20½, J. Nicholas 20, W. Richards 19½, A. Hickey 19½.

**Native Son trophy, all points to date:** R. Debney 65, G. McGrath 61, K. Finn 59½, N. Rogers 59, W. Orme 56, J. Reid 55½, J. Comans 55, R. Farrell 55, P. Moses 55, J. Langsworth 54½, N. Heath 54½, J. Tuit 52½, M. Frawley 52, J. Ward 51½, B. Cox 50, N. May 50, M. Crivelli 50, T. Thompson 50.

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